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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY ON EXCHANGES

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1. FIRST SECRETARY JOZEF JAROSEK OF CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY WILL BE CALLING ON CU/EE DIRECTOR MORNING OF AUGUST 13 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA. HIS CALL RESULTS FROM WELCOMING REMARKS MADE BY CU/EE DIRECTOR AT AUGUST 5 RECEPTION IN WASHINGTON TO INCOMING IREX SCHOLARS FROM USSR AND EE COUNTRIES. IN HIS REMARKS DIRECTOR CITED THE SMALL NUMBER OF SCHOLARS FROM USSR AND EE COUNTRIES IN THE U.S. EACH YEAR, IN COMPARISON WITH LARGE NUMBERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. AMBASSADOR JOHANES, WHO WAS AT THE RECEPTION, IN CONVERSATION WITH DIRECTOR, SUGGESTED JAROSEK CALL AT DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.

2. WE PLAN TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE CU EXCHANGES. WE WILL EMPHASIZE IV PROGRAM AS GOOD WAY TO
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START RENEWING CONTACTS WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA, AS WE HAVE

DONE WITH HUNGARY DURING PAST YEAR. WE WILL TAKE NOTE OF IREX PROGRAM AND ADD THAT WE HAVE NO PLANS AT PRESENT FOR SUPPLEMENTING THIS WELL RUN PRIVATE PROGRAM WITH A DEPART-

MENT SPONSORED STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM. WE WILL, HOWEVER,

CITE OUR INTEREST IN CONTINUING THE FULBRIGHT LECTURER PROGRAM, AND IN THIS CONNECTION INFORM JAROSEK OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA REQUEST FOR A CZECH LECTURER (REFTEL).

WE WILL ALSO POINT OUT THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH NEW PROGRAMS, OUR BUDGET PERMITTING, IN ADVANCE OF SIGNATURE OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

3. EMBASSY COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR AUGUST 13 MEETING WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ROBINSON

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